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BPL in Tribals
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country especially in Kandhamal and Boudh Districts of Odisha; and

(b) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government for poverty alleviation and industrial development of the said people along with the contribution of the State Government in the said schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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(a): The percentage of Scheduled Tribe persons below poverty line, State-wise and at all India level for the year 2011-12, estimated by the erstwhile Planning Commission as per Tendulkar Methodology is at Annexure I.

As informed by the Scheduled Tribe & Scheduled Caste Development Department, Government of Odisha, based on the BPL survey 1997 conducted by the Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Odisha, the number of Scheduled Tribe (ST) families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in Kandhamal and Boudh Districts of Odisha are 61129 and 10216, respectively.

(b): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for poverty alleviation and industrial development of tribal population. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs administers two special area programmes, namely, Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution wherein funds are provided to State Governments. Under these programmes this Ministry supplements the State Tribal Sub Plan as an additive for undertaking various tribal development initiatives and for raising the level of administration in Scheduled Areas with an aim to boost the economic and social status of tribal people. This Ministry has also launched a new Central Sector Scheme 'Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)' during 2014-15. The VKY has been adopted as a strategic process to ensure effective utilization of available financial resources under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). Under SCA to TSP, grants-in-aid are released for Skill Development Programmes, Dairy Development, Poultry, Fisheries and other livelihood activities apart from other activities. The grants-in-aid is released to State Governments based on the proposals received from the respective State Governments.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also administers a scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas to develop the skills of the Scheduled Tribe youth for a variety of jobs as well as self-employment and to improve their socio-economic condition by enhancing their income.

The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, extends concessional financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribes having Below Double the Poverty Line Annual Income Limit for various Income Generating Activities through its State Channelising Agencies, National Co-operative Development Corporation, Public Sector Banks and Regional Rural Banks having refinance agreement with NSTFDC. The disbursal to the State Channelising Agencies are against Govt. guarantee provided by the respective State Govt. The details of the schemes run by NSTFDC are placed at Annexure II.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various rural development programmes namely, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in rural areas of the country through State Governments/UT Administrations to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities. The Ministry has made specific provisions in the guidelines of the programmes to ensure adequate flow of resources to the Scheduled Tribes. Earmarking of Plan Outlay under TSP is being made at 24.71% under IAY and 20.59% for NRLM/Aajeevika. The Ministry is also implementing a special initiative called "Roshni" as a component of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grammen Kaushalya Yojana' (DDU-GKY) under which training is given for placement of rural youth in 27 most critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts. MGNREGA is a demand driven programme and more than 17 percent person-days generated have been for tribals.

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME) has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy scheme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since 2008-09, through Banks with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as nodal agency at the national level for generating employment in the country by setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. Under PMEGP, general category beneficiaries can avail of margin money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, minorities, women, ex-servicemen, physically handicapped, North-Eastern Region (NER), hill and border areas, etc., the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban area. The beneficiary's contribution for general category is 10% and for

special category, including STs, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% only. Thus, Scheduled Tribes are covered as special category under PMEGP scheme.

The Directorate General of Employment under Ministry of Labour and Employment has been implementing the scheme of "Welfare of SC/ST job seekers through Coaching, Guidance and Vocational Training and Introduction of new courses in existing CGCs & Establishment of new CGCs in the States not covered so far" through the network of 24 Coaching-cum-Guidance Centres (CGCs) for SC/STs all over India. This scheme is exclusively meant for educated unemployed Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates registered with Employment Exchanges only.

In respect of the Kandhamal and Boudh Districts of Odisha, as per the information provided by the District Welfare Officer, Kandhamal and Boudh Districts, the details of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government for poverty alleviation and industrial development along with the contribution of the State Government (Odisha), scheme wise, are given at Annexure III.

State/UTs also allocate and utilize funds for the development of tribals under their respective Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). State/ UT wise TSP Outlay/ Expenditure during 2011-12 to 2015-16 is at Annexure IV.

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